



EXECUTIVE ORDER

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PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
AND AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON DECEMBER 24, 2019

By the authority vested in me as President by the
Constitution and the laws of the United States of America,
it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. All executive departments and agencies of the
Federal Government shall be closed and their employees excused
from duty on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, the day before
Christmas Day.

Sec. 2. The heads of executive departments and agencies
may determine that certain offices and installations of their
organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that
certain employees must report for duty on December 24, 2019, for
reasons of national security, defense, or other public need.

Sec. 3. December 24, 2019, shall be considered as falling
within the scope of Executive Order 11582 of February 11, 1971,
and of 5 U.S.C. 5546 and 6103(b) and other similar statutes
insofar as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the
United States.

Sec. 4. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management
shall take such actions as may be necessary to implement this
order.

Sec. 5. General Provisions. (a) This order shall be
implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the
availability of appropriations.

(b) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or
otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive
department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

December 17, 2019.

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